

NO KNOWN CONNECTION BETWEEN HIBBARD SUICIDE AND DAVIS MURDER

But Authorities Are Investigating Shoe Said To Be Stained With Blood Which Was Found in Hibbard's Shack in Orford, N. H., Late Yesterday

SOMETHING AILED HIS HEAD HIBBARD WROTE

And He Was Tired of Living So He Fired a Rifle Bullet Through His Head — Ralph Perkins Heard Shot and Found Hibbard's Body

Orford, N. H., Nov. 16.—The suicide by shooting yesterday of Earl M. Hibbard at a lumber camp outside this town was coupled to-day with the murders last week of John and Charles Davis, aged brothers, by investigators who have been without clue to the slayers of the latter. Without reason in the relations of the men to believe that Hibbard had any hand in the killings, the authorities yet found in the fact that Hibbard had in his shack a shoe stained with blood cause for turning their inquiries toward the possibility that there might be a connection between the murders and the suicide.

In pursuing this line of investigation they arranged to take fingerprints of Hibbard for comparison with those on the blood-stained handle of the axe with which the Davis brothers were killed. It was planned also to see if there was any print or mark left in the Davis house which might correspond with the stained shoe found in the Hibbard shack.

Hibbard killed himself with a rifle which he had taken from home during a hunting trip, and wrote on the back of his hunter's license a note to his son, Carl Hibbard, that he was tired of living and that something ailed his head.

Ralph Perkins, while working in the woods about 3:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon, heard a shot in the direction of his cabin, near the base of Baxter mountain. On arriving there, more than an hour later, he found Hibbard's body lying across a log near the door of the cabin. Failing to arouse the man, he produced a light and discovered a bullet wound in the neck, extending through the skull. A rifle was grasped in one hand of the dead man.

Perkins walked several miles to the nearest telephone and communicated with town authorities here, who sent out for the cabin immediately. On arrival, Sheriff Perkins, on a small nation French stated his belief that the man had shot himself. This view was later confirmed by Medical Referee Elmer N. Miller of Grafton county.

In one of Hibbard's pockets, searched by his son, Carl, was found a hunting license, on the back of which was written: "I am tired of living. Something ails my head. You have all my property, Carl Hibbard. Good-bye, dear."

MRS. PHILLIPS GUILTY IN SECOND DEGREE

For Hammering to Death Mrs. Alberta Meadows of California

Los Angeles, Cal., Nov. 16.—A verdict of murder in the second degree was returned by the jury to-day in the case of Mrs. Clara Phillips charged with beating Mrs. Alberta Meadows to death with a hammer.

DIDN'T HEED DOCTORS.

Amherst College Football Captain Nearly Broke Neck Last Year.

Amherst, Mass., Nov. 16.—James Williams of Glastonbury, Conn., captain of the Amherst football team, who nearly broke his neck last year, is closing his football career wearing a special leather neck gear which almost conceals his face. Doctors told him last year that he would place his life in jeopardy if he played again, but Williams has played every game at guard this year.

WINTER IN BERKSHIRES

Ushered In With Flurry of Snow and Penetrating Cold.

North Adams, Mass., Nov. 16.—The winter season in the northern Berkshires was ushered in with a flurry of snow and penetrating cold to-day. Mount Greylock the highest peak in the state is wearing a white and snow-capped mountains are snow-capped.

MORE EARTHQUAKES STIR CHILE PEOPLE

Strong Movements Felt in Same Regions Where There Was Heavy Loss of Life Saturday.

Santiago, Chile, Nov. 16 (By the Associated Press).—Strong earth shocks were felt at 12:25 o'clock this morning in the Copiapo and La Serena districts, where great loss of life was suffered in Saturday's quake, according to National Telegraph dispatches. The inhabitants of Santiago were much alarmed early this morning when a slight earth shock was felt here, the motion apparently being vertical. The tremor began at 1:25 o'clock.

The director of a private meteorological institute had forecast an earth movement at 2 o'clock, due to the conjunction of the moon and sun. Dispatches from Copiapo reported the arrival there of a medical and relief party, bringing a large stock of food and medicines. The medical officers of the party found a number of the injured lying in the open air in the vineyards, as the hospital, which was built in 1848 had been completely ruined. Other victims to the number of 50, mostly aged persons, were buried in a motion picture theatre, lacking proper ventilating facilities.

The news that President Harding is sending warships to Huasco with supplies was received here with expressions of gratitude on all sides. While doubtless the vessels cannot arrive for another week, it is considered certain, judging from continued reports of the serious conditions and appeals for relief from the district, that the aid will be timely.

Much appreciation was expressed for the offer of assistance from the American Red Cross, but so far as known no decision has been taken.

APPEALS TO HARDING TO GET HIS OLD RANK

Major Malcolm Wheeler-Nicholson Was Reduced for Saying United States Army Was Prussianized.

Boston, Nov. 16.—Major Malcolm Wheeler-Nicholson, critic of the regular army, has lost his appeal from the classification which makes him subject to discharge, and has sent a petition to President Harding asking for reversal of the action.

The officer a year ago declared in a letter to the president that the army had been "Prussianized" and published pamphlets entitled, "The Regular Army—Reform" and "Alcohol in the Army." He was tried by a court martial at Camp Dix, N. J., for violation of the 96th article of war, was found guilty and reduced 50 furlongs.

Subsequently he came before the classification board at the first corps area headquarters here, on his request that he be taken out of class B, into which he had been transferred from Class A, while on duty with the army of occupation at Coblenz. The refusal of the board to change his classification now becomes public for the first time.

In his petition to President Harding, which was the basis to-day, Major Wheeler-Nicholson reviews the records in his case, asserts that General Pershing and other officers have been prejudiced against him, and seeks that he be retained in the service.

FACES ITALIAN PARLIAMENT.

Premier Mussolini Will Seek Vote of Confidence.

Rome, Nov. 16, (By the Associated Press).—Benito Mussolini, Italy's new premier, prepared to face parliament to-day for the first time, asking a vote of confidence from both houses.

He will appear first in the chamber of deputies, and in a short speech explain the meaning of his new government. He will then proceed to the senate, where he will deliver a similar message.

The government according to all indications will receive a large majority from all groups excepting the socialists and communists, who number slightly more than a hundred. About 350 members are said to have expressed their intention of supporting the Fascist premier.

Even the members of the Nitti group who have always been considered bitter opponents of the Fascist movement have decided not to oppose the government.

Fifty-three orators have registered. President De Nicola of the chamber as desirous of speaking. Most of the speeches are favorable to the new ministry. The exceptions being S. Filippo Turati and Claudio Treves, moderate socialists, and Constantino Lazzari and Arnaldo Lova, extreme socialists. Thus far no communist has expressed a desire to be heard. Heretofore all orators registered have been allowed to speak. Mussolini is against this procedure, as he contends it wastes valuable time.

It is believed that the vote of confidence will be reached by Saturday, thus permitting the premier to leave for the conference with the French premier and British foreign secretary preliminary to the Lausanne peace conference.

MOUNT HOLYOKE CELEBRATES.

The 85th Anniversary of the Founding of College.

South Hadley, Mass., Nov. 16.—Mount Holyoke college to-day celebrated the 85th anniversary of its founding.

RICKETY OLD WAGON FOUND

Which Mrs. Jane Gibson Claims She Followed in De Russey Lane

WHEN SHE SAW HALL-MILLS TRAGEDY

Prosecution Claims Addition of Important Link to Chain

New Brunswick, N. J., Nov. 16.—Another loose end of the tangled evidence thread in the Hall-Mills murder case was gathered to-day, according to investigators who announced that they had found and positively identified the rickety old wagon which Mrs. Jane Gibson claims she followed through De Russey's lane the night of the tragedy. The owner of this ramshackle vehicle will be questioned by the authorities during the day.

Discovery of the wagon gave added strength, prosecuting authorities claimed, to the story told by Mrs. Gibson, who said she witnessed the double murder under the crab-apple tree on the Phillips farm.

DUTY ENDS WITH GRAND JURY.

When eH Had Presented "All Available Evidence."

New Brunswick, N. J., Nov. 16.—Without minimizing the quality of evidence he expects to present, the Somerset county grand jury next week in the Hall-Mills murder case, Deputy Attorney General Mott has issued a statement to the effect that his duty will be ended when he lays "all available evidence before the grand jury." He said he resented statements that he was attempting to "force an indictment" in the case.

Mr. Mott had been quoted several times as saying he would obtain the "indictment of a woman an attorney." No decision has been announced on the request of Mrs. Frances Stevens Hall, widow of the slain rector, that she be allowed to appear before the grand jury.

J. J. ASTOR ELECTED.

Secures Seat in Parliament As a Conservative.

London, Nov. 16, (By the Associated Press).—Major John Jacob Astor, son of the late Viscount Astor, was elected on the conservative ticket over the liberal candidate, L. J. Stein, and the independent unionist, Colonel Sir Thomas Polson, in the Dover division of Kent.

A Tactful Teacher Who Aided Pupils.

"How did you get along at school to-day?" inquired the man who wielded the carving knife.

"Pretty good," responded the small boy, who was busy with his bacon. "We didn't have anything hard. Our teacher never gives us anything hard when there's visitors at school. A boy's father came to visit to-day, so we just had easy things that the teacher was sure they could answer."

"Did she call on you?" inquired the big brother. "Has she any company questions easy enough so that she can ask you something?"

"Sure!" declared the small boy. "Yes," said the man who was carving, "our Willy no doubt has his little question, one that is put to him alone. Other little boys, I suppose, have their little questions, which the teacher asks them on company days."

"Now, nothing like that!" said the small boy. "Sometimes the same visitor comes again and then he'd get wise if he saw the same boys answering the same questions all the time."

"Yes, and he might ask a few himself," added the big brother, "and that would be awful."

"Why," remonstrated the young lady of the family, "no visitor would be so rude as to propound a question to a student without first getting to know him. At least all we may hear of some permission!"

"You're right!" agreed the big brother enthusiastically. "A good smart teacher can get out of worse places than that. I remember once when I was going to school a man who had got out a textbook dropped into our school one day just when things were going badly. Our teacher was giving us the razz in his shape. He had ripped us up and down and back and across, individually and collectively, and just in the middle of the worst part of the storm he got in."

"The principal, smilingly, escorted the author of the textbook. 'Our teacher had to cut the frowning and oratory off short and go forward to meet the visitor with the sweet smile and the glad hand.'"

"Yes, yes, Mr. Funklever, so glad to meet you. Your text-book—oh, yes, Boys, this is Mr. Funklever, the author of the excellent text-book that you are familiar with. You all feel as though you were acquainted with Mr. Funklever, I'm sure, because you know his book—at least, I hope you know his book. At least all we may hear of some acquaintance with it, may we not, class?" But nobody answered and to relieve the embarrassment of the situation the teacher called upon the visitor to make a speech, a privilege never accorded visitors except in extreme cases.

"Which this incidentally was," murmured the young lady.—Chicago News.

ADJUDGE THREE IN CONTEMPT

For Sending Letters To Grand Jury, Or Causing Them To Be Sent

IN HANOVER TRUST INVESTIGATION

Attorney-General Allen Said Jurors Had Been Tampered With

Boston, Nov. 16.—Henry H. Chmielewski, president of the defunct Hanover Trust company, former Congressman William S. McNary, secretary of the bank, and Walter C. Conway, a New York clothier, were adjudged in contempt of court to-day by Superior Court Justice Bishop. The contempt lay in letters which they sent, or caused to be sent to members of the special grand jury which was considering charges against officials of the bank brought by Attorney General J. Weston Allen.

The court held that Charles Pizzi, a clerk formerly employed by the bank, was not in contempt by his actions in soliciting information from witnesses and in addressing jurors.

The jury, which had been summoned in special session by the attorney general was discharged by him as a result of the incidents which the court has ruled constituted contempt. He said at that time that the jurors had been tampered with.

GIANT MAJESTIC DRYDOCKED.

Was Worked Into Position at Boston By Twelve Tugs.

Boston, Nov. 16.—The White Star liner Majestic, biggest ship afloat, was drydocked to-day at the Commonwealth dock, owned by the United States navy, the only plant in the world now in operation that is large enough to cradle the giant liner.

Shipping into the harbor in the morning mist 24 hours out from New York, the Majestic was warped into the dock by a battery of 12 tugs, all lined up on her port side, in forty minutes. Notwithstanding her length of 956 feet and her beam of 100 feet, there was room and to spare for the big boat, and the special blocks prepared for her.

Before her next trip across, scheduled to start from New York on Nov. 25, the Majestic's hull will be scraped and painted. In the course of her career as the Bismarck of the German mercantile marine, and the Majestic, awarded to the White Star line, she has collected some six stars of sea growth. With this removed, and her sides sanded with new paint, her speed should be increased by several knots an hour. At the same time the big liner will take on a new set of propellers pitched for higher speed.

With the Majestic making new records in the Cunard line service, the Majestic after her overhauling will be prepared to approach more closely to the trans-Atlantic crossing minimum.

The docking operation was observed by Commodore C. A. Bartlett of the White Star line, who came here from Europe especially for the purpose, as this was the first time the Majestic had been docked. Several other experts were present, together with most of the officers of the first naval district.

On the trip from New York, Commander Sir Bertram Hayes had command of his ship with Pilot John H. Lowe, the oldest out of Boston, bringing her into port.

WEDDING AT WILLIMANTIC.

In Which Henry Lowe of Barre Was a Contracting Party.

A pretty wedding took place at 7 o'clock in St. Mary's church in Willimantic, Conn., when Henry Lowe, son of William Lowe of Barre, and Miss Eva Brindamour, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. N. L. Brindamour of 61 Spring street, Willimantic, were married by Rev. Edward Mathieu, who also sang the nuptial hymns. Omer Roy was the best man and Miss Amanda Veretoffe the bridesmaid.

The bride was becomingly gowned in blue panne velvet, with hat to match, and she carried a shower bouquet of bride's roses. The bridesmaid was attired in brown panne velvet with hat to match and she carried a shower bouquet of pink roses.

After the ceremony a wedding breakfast was served at the home of the bride's parents. At 10:47 o'clock Mr. and Mrs. Lowe left on a honeymoon trip to Barre, where they are visiting the groom's father. Upon their return a week later, they will make their home at 41 Spring street.

Mr. Lowe is the son of a well-known contractor in Barre, and is employed in the cone winding department of the American Thread company of Willimantic. The groom has been in the employ of his father-in-law.

The couple were the recipients of many beautiful and useful presents, including cut glass, silverware, aluminum ware, money, linen and china.

WILL REJECT TERMS.

Presented By Amoskeag Co. of Manchester, N. H.

Manchester, N. H., Nov. 16.—Textile unions of this city will begin balloting to-night on terms presented by the Amoskeag Manufacturing company for the ending of the strike, in effect since Feb. 13. Union officials predicted that the proposals, which contain provisions for the ending of the strike, a discrimination against strike leaders, would be rejected.

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Gen. Luke K. Wright, Former secretary of War.

Memphis, Tenn., Nov. 16.—General Luke K. Wright, former secretary of war, who has been ill in his home here for more than a week, was reported in an extremely critical condition early to-day.

A erroneous report that General Wright had died was denied to-day.

BOWMAN-BECKLEY.

Wedding at Home of the Bride in Barre Last Night.

Miss Flora Beckley, daughter of F. D. Beckley of 6 Park street, this city, and Carroll H. Bowman, son of Mrs. Alice Bowman of Cedar street, Montpelier were the principals in a very quiet wedding, which took place at the Beckley home on Park street last evening. Rev. F. L. Goodspeed of the Congregational church officiated, and the double ring service was used.

The simple ceremony was performed in the living room, with only a few intimate friends in attendance. The bride and groom stood under an arch of evergreen during the service. The bride was given in marriage by her father. She was very becomingly attired in a gown of white crepe, trimmed with pearls, and wore a tulle veil. She carried a beautiful bouquet of bridal roses. There were no immediate attendants at the ceremony and the couple marched to the altar to the strains of Mendelssohn's wedding march, as played by Robert Keegan, a brother-in-law of the groom.

Following the ceremony, a luncheon was served by Mrs. Gerald Bixby and Misses Helen Bowman, Marjorie Beckley and Mabel McLeod in the dining room of the home.

The young couple received a profusion of presents of cut glass, silver and money from their numerous friends.

Quite a number were in attendance from Montpelier, Morrisville and nearby towns to wish the couple luck.

Mr. Bowman is well known in Montpelier, is a graduate of U. V. M., '20, and is employed at the National Life Insurance company in Montpelier. Mrs. Bowman is a graduate of Goodard, '19, and has resided at home since the death of her mother a short time ago.

After the ceremony the happy pair left for Montreal on a short honeymoon, on their return will reside on Park street.

ALLEN-PARKER.

Barre Young Woman the Bride of a North Hero Man.

A very pretty wedding was solemnized at high noon yesterday when Miss Ruth Parker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sherman N. Parker of 25 Spaulding street, was united in marriage with Dr. H. Roy Allen of North Hero by Rev. A. C. Drumm, in the presence of the relatives and a few of the most intimate friends.

The ceremony was performed under a beautiful arch of ground cedar and bitter-sweet berries. The bride was becomingly gowned in white Grecian crepe and carried a bouquet of bride's roses. She was given in marriage by her father, the double ring service being used. In attendance were her two little nieces, Marjorie Clark acting as ring bearer and Janet Clark as flower girl. The wedding march was played by Miss Beatrice Callaghan.

After the ceremony a wedding breakfast was served in the dining room of the Parker home, which was prettily decorated in yellow and white. The bride then cut her wedding cake.

Many beautiful gifts of cut glass, silver, linen and money were received from a large circle of friends.

The bride is a well known young lady, having served as librarian in the Aldrich public library for a number of years. Dr. Allen is a World war veteran, having served in the capacity of captain in France and Germany.

Out of town guests in attendance included Mrs. Beatrice Dodds, Ira Dodds and the Messers Irene and Elsie Dodds of North Hero, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Dodds of Weathersfield, Mrs. Petty of South Hero and F. Newell Parker of St. Albans.

After a short honeymoon, spent in the Adirondacks, Dr. and Mrs. Allen will make their home in North Hero.

SPONTANEOUS COMBUSTION CAUSED PORTLAND FIRE

Damage of Over \$200,000 Done to E. T. Burrows Company Last Night.

Portland, Me., Nov. 16.—Spontaneous combustion in the paint storage department was believed to-day to have caused the fire late last night in one of the six factories comprising the plant of the E. T. Burrows company, manufacturers of screens, billiard and pool tables, cedar chests, folding tables and other products.

While the fire was confined to the upper two floors of the six-story brick building at the corner of Spring and South streets, the damage by water and smoke was heavy, the total loss being estimated between \$200,000 and \$300,000. This is covered by blanket insurance.

The entire plant was shut down for the day. About 250 men employed in the burned building will be idle about two weeks.

This building is the outlet for the entire plant, and was heavily stocked with goods for the Christmas trade, shipment of which was to have begun to-day.

STRANGELY WOUNDED.

St. Albans Boy Probably Shot by Bullet Fired from Bonfire.

St. Albans, Nov. 16.—Chief of Police J. F. Mahoney said yesterday that he was of the opinion the wound of Bernard McCarron, the eleven-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. B. L. McCarron, who was seriously wounded when struck by a stray bullet, was caused by a small caliber bullet, probably a 22 exploded in a bonfire of leaves close to where the boys were playing. Dr. H. H. Johnson believes this was the probable solution as the course of the bullet seemed to be upward. The missile struck the boy in the right leg near the ear inflicting a serious wound.

Dr. Johnson treated the injury and probed for the bullet, which he was unable to find.

Bernard is reported to be resting comfortably and the wound, while serious, is not expected to result fatally. The youngster was playing with some other boys at the corner of Fairfield and High streets just after school. They had been kicking a football as one of his playmates booted the ball Bernard suddenly fell to the ground. He arose and asked, "Am I hurt?" Blood was streaming from his face and he was taken home and medical assistance called.

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\$15,103 MOSTLY FOR JEWELRY

Spent in Washington in 22 Months By Douglas Woodhouse

PAID NO MONEY BY CHECK TO HIS WIFE

Although He Kept Up Club Dues in Vt. and Paid Burlington Stores

Burlington, Nov. 16.—That C. Douglas Woodhouse, husband of the woman, who is suing his parents for a million dollars for alienation of his affection, spent about \$15,103 in the 22 months while he was in Washington and that most of this amount went for costly jewelry, was the feature of the testimony given by Arthur W. Hill, cashier of the Merchants' National bank of Burlington, of which L. E. Woodhouse, one of the defendants, is president, when the case was resumed in Chittenden county court here this morning. It had previously been brought out in Hill's testimony that young Woodhouse's income was about \$2500, or approximately one-third of the amount he spent in Washington.

The reading of numerous checks drawn by Woodhouse consumed the greater part of the morning's session. It was shown that, while Woodhouse during his stay in Washington in 1919-1920, kept up his club dues in Vermont and Massachusetts and paid some money to Burlington merchants, none was paid to any of the creditors here of his wife, Mrs. Dorrit Woodhouse.

Was Paying Two Women.

Checks were produced showing that, beginning on St. Valentine's day, 1920, and extending over a period of slightly more than two months, Douglas Woodhouse paid to Lillian Hendrick McCellan of Washington, approximately \$400 and only \$395 to his wife, Dorrit.

The two sets of checks were drawn on the same account at the Merchants' National bank in this city and those paid to Mrs. Woodhouse covered the entire year 1919 and showed that she received nothing from her husband in 1920 up to the time, early in March, when it was arranged that she should go to Texas. The checks were shown in connection with the cross-examination of Arthur W. Hill, assistant cashier of the Merchants' bank, who has now been on the stand for three and one-half days as a witness in the case.

Mrs. McCellan is the woman named in the plaintiff's declaration as having been used by the defendants to lead their son, Douglas, away from his wife. While Douglas was in Washington in the early part of 1920 he apparently spent money without stint on Mrs. McCellan and himself, his own hotel bills at the Warden Park hotel amounting \$2,000 more than \$700 as shown by memorandum of his checking account read by Mr. Hill.

To the New Hampshire authorities he gave his residence as Plainfield, N. H., and his birthplace as Quebec, but told the Vermont authorities that he was in Maine. The report from New Hampshire was that Smith could neither read nor write, that he is a bad man who thinks might is right and that he has tuberculosis. State's Attorney Adams asked for the maximum sentence of ten years.

William A. Lord, assigned by Judge Fish as counsel for the defendant, said that he had advised him of his legal rights and had agreed with him in the wisdom of making the plea which he did. Smith's history showed him as a man to whom society has a debt, Mr. Lord said, and referred to him as a moral degenerate, horn of a mixed parentage, who was cast out of the family at the age of 13 and had never had any home influence or a day's schooling. A sentence for him would be mere, he said, as he would be able to have some comfort during his last days with a deadly illness.

Judge Fish then instructed the clerk to call on the respondent, which was done. Smith had nothing to say, why sentences should not be at once pronounced upon him.

Judge Fish, before pronouncing sentence, said that from the statement and appeal in court, it appeared that the usual influences operating in such a case could not be considered. It was evident, he said, that there was no prospect of reformation.

Smith was taken to the prison yesterday afternoon.

N. E. M. P. A. OFFICERS.

M. L. Towne Again Reads the Barre Branch.

At a fairly well attended meeting of the members of Barre branch, New England Milk Producers' association, held in Worthen hall Tuesday evening the annual election of officers was held as well as other business being transacted.

M. L. Towne was re-elected president and J. A. Cumming secretary. Delegates to attend the county convention which will be held in Montpelier soon are A. Martinetti, M. L. Baker, A. L. Smith and J. A. Cumming.

The matter of a joint banquet to include the Milk Producers' association, the Central Vermont Cattle club and the Granite City Co-operative Creamery association was considered with the result that one member from each organization was elected with power given them to name another. The committee from the respective bodies are M. L. Towne, A. L. Smith and Earl Maxham.

RED CROSS DRIVE ON.

Canvassers Covered Barre To-day, Going Out By Words.

The Red Cross drive in Barre started out vigorously this morning, with canvassers covering the city by words. They were meeting with a good degree of success, it was reported, up to this afternoon.

NINE AND A HALF YEARS FOR BANDIT SMITH

Assailant of Woman and House Robber Considered Bad Man to Be at Large.

Victor Smith, alias Arthur Greenwood, was sentenced by Judge Frank L. Fish in Washington county court on Wednesday afternoon to a term of not less than nine years and six months and not more than ten years at hard labor in state's prison at Windsor on his plea of guilty to a charge of assault with a dangerous weapon on Mrs. Ella Bailey of East Montpelier with intent to rob. He is also to pay the costs of prosecution. Judge Fish gave orders for the mittimus to issue immediately. When called on by Clerk L. C. Moody, previous to the pronouncing of sentence, Smith had nothing to say.

The victim of Smith's assault, Mrs. A. W. Bailey, was in court during the hearing, as was Mrs. C. L. Slack of Berlin, whose home Smith admitted breaking into. Mrs. Bailey is 63 years of age. State's Attorney Charles B. Adams, when called on by the court, asked that the clerk read the information, which charged that the crime was committed Nov. 8. To the information Smith pleaded guilty. State's Attorney Adams then stated that in justice to the court additional facts than those contained in the information should be given. He outlined the crime, telling how Smith left a stonehedge at which he was working in Barre on Nov. 8 and went afoot in the direction of East Montpelier, stopping at several houses to ask for work, and finding the families at home in every case until he came to the Bailey farm, where Mrs. Bailey was alone. Smith asked to be allowed to come in and rest and then held Mrs. Bailey up with a revolver, bound her and tied her to a bed. He then took rings from her fingers and ransacked the house. Smith had 22 rings, three gold watches and other property in his room in Barre, when he was arrested on Nov. 10 at the Genesee stonemason in Barre.

Mrs. Bailey claimed criminal assault by Smith, the state's attorney said, but the state preferred to accept a plea of guilty to the lesser crime rather than to go to the expense of a trial on the other charge.

On the Friday previous, Smith broke into the home